City of Willow Park Water Conservation Tips

Why Conserve?

Water conservation is the most cost – effective and environmentally sound way to reduce our demand for water. Using less water also puts less pressure on our sewage treatment facilities, and uses less energy for water heating.

What can I do?

There are many effective ways to conserve water in and around your home. Look through the list below for ways that will work for you.

Ten ways that will save the most:

- Water your lawn only when it needs it. Step on your grass, if it springs back, when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water. So set your sprinklers for more days in between watering. Saves 750 1,500 gallons per month.
- 2. Fix leaky faucets and plumbing joints. Saves 20 gallons per day for every leak fixed.
- 3. Don't run the hose while washing your car. Use a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse at the end. **Saves 150 gallons** each time.
- 4. Install water saving shower heads or flow restrictors. Saves 500 800 gallons per month.
- 5. Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. Saves 300 800 gallons per month.
- 6. Shorten your showers. Even one or two minute reduction can save up to 700 gallons per month.
- 7. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. **Saves 150 gallons** or more each time.
- 8. Don't use your toilet as a waste bucket. Saves 400 600 gallons per month.
- 9. Capture tap water. While you wait for hot water to come down the pipes, catch the flow in a watering can to use later on house plants or your garden. Saves 200 to 300 gallons per month.
- 10. Dispose of hazardous materials properly! One quart of oil can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water, effectively eliminating that much water from our water supply.

Water Restrictions:

Water restrictions are imposed when the city's reserve water tanks located at 3500 Indian Camp Rd. fail to restore certain level on three consecutive days. The city's reserve water tanks have full tank height of approximately 30.5ft and a capacity of 1.1 million gallons of storage.

Stage 0 (No flag) - Voluntary water rationing from April 1^{st} – October 31^{st} . No outside watering between 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Stage 1 (Yellow flag) – Storage level at 28ft. Outside watering between 5-8 a.m. & 7-9 p.m. onlyEven Address – Sunday, Tuesday & ThursdayOdd Address – Saturday, Monday & Wednesday

Stage 2(Orange flag) – Storage level at 25ft. Outside watering between 5-8 a.m.Even Address - Sunday, Tuesday & ThursdayOdd Address - Saturday, Monday & Wednesday

Stage 3 (Red flag) – Storage level at 20ft. Outside watering between 5-8 a.m. onlyEven Address – Sunday & ThursdayOdd Address – Saturday & Wednesday

Stage 4 (Purple flag) – Storage level at 17ft. Outside watering between 5-8 a.m. onlyEven Addresses – Thursday onlyOdd Addresses – Monday only

Stage 5 (**Black** flag) – Storage tanks fail to restore to a level above 12ft. depth on two consecutive days. Disaster condition – **NO OUTSIDE WATERING**

If you have any questions you can contact the Water Department at 817-441-7108 ext.1 Thank you for your help in conserving a precious resource.